

My understanding is that the Universal Service Fee (USF) exists in part to fund high-speed communications for schools, libraries, low-income customers, and high-cost areas such as sparsely populated rural communities.

I live in a rural area some 22,000+ feet from the existing telco switch, hence DSL is not available. The local cable provider, Charter Communications, Inc., has told me that I am not in their "service area", although the "wire" ends only 12 light poles from my residence.

What good is the USF doing me?